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Appropriations Committee CT General Assembly 210 Capitol Ave Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Appropriations Committee,

My name is Brittany Enos and I live in a residential women's house in Willimantic, CT. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 6439, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations Therefor. I respectfully request the legislature increase funding by \$461 Million over five years for community nonprofits.

More money would help us get more supplies. I feel like each individual should each have a work book. I feel like it would help more to look back on. I feel like we should do more hands on. This program has helped me before that is why I decided to go back through it. The staff are amazing and so are the clinicians. I am happy to be working on my sobriety as well as my mental health. My therapist is amazing and so is Nichole (the program leader). I am grateful for this experience.

I strongly hope that the Appropriations Committee will support the requested \$461 million increase so that our non-profit services can continue to support our community. Without these services, I would be using drugs again.

Respectfully,

Brittany Enos